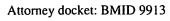
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Dear Sir:

This reply is in response to the Office Communication mailed December 12, 2003 which has a shortened statutory period for response of one month that expired on January 12, 2004. A petition for an extension of time until April 12, 2004 is enclosed herewith.